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## **OBJECTIVE**

• To view public service from the other side of the table

## **EDUCATION**

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Troy, NY

**Degree:** BS Electrical Engineering 1975 **Degree:** MEng Electrical Engineering 1977

Currently Licensed Professional Engineer in NY, VT and MA

## HISTORY

- Born and raised on Long Island, and gaining higher education in upstate NY, I first worked for NASA and then a series of industrial companies, the last one being a paper mill in Schuylerville which caused us to settle in Queensbury in 2000. I also worked for Rist-Frost and then went on my own (GTW Engineering PLLC) in 2008 as a consultant until about 2013 when I spent an increasing amount of my time directed towards public service to the point of it occupying nearly all of my time. My key technical skill is implementing process control strategies which requires a broad understanding of the underlying science.
- In most cases I worked for the "corporate" side of the company as a design engineer and was tasked with evaluating and then implementing cost effective process improvement measures at specific plants in the organizations. I have participated in numerous team building and critical thinking programs, starting with Kepner-Tregoe in the 1980's and more recently graduating Six Sigma training. While I initially viewed my efforts as giving back to my community in a technical sense -- as a consultant, pro bono I have since discovered that I have a talent for asking the questions that are often overlooked and even less appreciated by local Boards that are not used to having their actions critically evaluated -- something that is natural in the corporate engineering world I come from.
- My goal is to see the efficient and economical working of local government, by respecting that every dollar
  we spend was earned by somebody else; and that we are merely the custodians of those resources.
- It is tough to team-build in a 3 minute window, and so that hasn't been my strategy. 3 minutes is just about enough time to stir the pot, and I have a penchant for that as well, but I look forward to being free of the time constraints and to work in a more nurturing manner.